

CLAIMS:

1. A fare searching program comprising:
a fare searching tool operable to perform a daily search for a
lowest fare available on a current day for transportation
between a city pair; and
a fare storage tool operable to store the lowest fare for each of a
plurality of months so that the lowest fare for each month
may be recalled and compared in the future.
2. The program of claim 1, further including an averaging tool
operable to average each of the lowest fares corresponding to a plurality of days in
each of a preceding twelve months thereby creating a monthly average of the lowest
fares for each month.
3. The program of claim 2, wherein the averaging tool is further
operable to average the monthly averages thereby creating an annual average of the
lowest fares.
4. The program of claim 2, further including a display tool operable
to display the monthly averages corresponding to each of the months.
5. The program of claim 4, wherein the display tool is further operable
to display the lowest fare available on the current day.
6. The program of claim 1, further including a network connectivity
tool operable to connect with a fare source so that the fare searching tool may search
the fare source.
7. The program of claim 1, wherein the averaging tool is further
operable to average the lowest fares corresponding to the months thereby creating an
annual average of the lowest fares.

8. A fare searching program for comparing currently available fares for transportation between a selected city-pair with historically available fares for transportation between the selected city-pair, the program comprising:

a fare searching tool operable to perform a daily search for a lowest fare available on a current day for fare between one of a plurality of pre-selected city pairs;

an averaging tool operable to average each of the lowest fares corresponding to a plurality of days in each of twelve months thereby creating a monthly average of the lowest fares for each month and for each city pair;

a fare storage tool operable to store the monthly average so that the monthly average may be recalled up to one year into the future and compared to fares available in the future; and

a display tool operable to display the monthly averages for the selected city pair and the lowest fare available on the current day for the selected city pair.

9. The program of claim 8, wherein the averaging tool is further operable to create an annual average of the lowest fares.

10. The program of claim 9, wherein the display tool is further operable to display the annual average corresponding to a preceding twelve months for the selected city pair.

11. The program of claim 8, further including a network connectivity tool operable to connect with a fare source so that the fare searching tool may search the fare source.

12. An airfare searching program for comparing currently available airfares for airline transportation between a selected city-pair with historically available airfares for airline transportation between the selected city-pair, the program comprising:

5 an airfare searching tool operable to perform a daily search for a lowest airfare available on a current day for airfare between each of a plurality of pre-selected city pairs;

10 a network connectivity tool operable to connect the searching tool with an airfare source so that the searching tool may search the airfare source;

an averaging tool operable to average each of the lowest airfares corresponding to each day of each of twelve months thereby creating a monthly average of the lowest airfares for each month and for each city pair;

15 wherein the averaging tool is further operable to create an annual average of the lowest airfares for each city pair;

20 an airfare storage tool operable to store the monthly averages so that the monthly averages may be recalled up to one year into the future and compared to airfares available in the future; and

25 a display tool operable to display the monthly averages, the annual average corresponding to a preceding twelve months, and the lowest airfare available on the current day for the selected city pair.

13. A method of searching for a lowest available fare for transportation between a selected city pair, the method comprising the steps of:

(a) receiving in a computer system indication of a plurality of city pairs;

5 (b) establishing a connection between the computer system and a fare source over a network;

(c) receiving in the computer system information relating to the lowest fare currently available from the fare source for at least the selected city pair;

10 (d) repeating steps (b) and (c) for each day of a current month; and

(e) calculating in the computer system a monthly average of the lowest fares currently available for the month.

14. The method as set forth in claim 13, further including the step of:

15 (f) storing in the computer system at least two of the lowest fares currently available for the month, such that the monthly average may be calculated for up to one year.

15. The method as set forth in claim 13, repeating steps (b) thru (d)

20 for each month of a preceding year such that the computer system may calculate at least twelve monthly averages corresponding to each month of the preceding year.

16. The method as set forth in claim 15, further including the steps of:

25 (g) receiving in the computer system indication of the selected city pair;

(h) displaying the lowest fare currently available for the selected city pair;

(i) calculating the monthly averages for the preceding year for the selected city pair; and

30 (j) displaying the monthly averages.

17. The method as set forth in claim 16, further including the steps of calculating an annual average for the preceding year for the selected city pair and

displaying the annual average.

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18. A method of searching for a lowest available airfare for airline transportation between a selected city pair, the method comprising the steps of:

- (a) receiving in a computer system indication of a plurality of city pairs;
- (b) establishing a connection between the computer system and an airfare source over a network;
- (c) receiving in the computer system information relating to the lowest airfare currently available from the airfare source for each of the city pairs;
- (d) repeating steps (b) and (c) for each day of a current month;
- (e) calculating in the computer system a monthly average of the lowest airfares currently available for at least two days of the current month;
- (f) storing in the computer system the lowest airfares currently available for at least two days of the current month, such that the monthly average may be calculated for up to one year;
- (g) repeating step (f) for each month of a preceding year such that the computer system may calculate at least twelve monthly averages corresponding to each month of the preceding year; and
- (h) calculating in the computer system an annual average for the preceding year.

19. The method as set forth in claim 18, further including the steps of:

- (i) receiving in the computer system indication of the selected city pair;
- (j) displaying the lowest airfare currently available for the selected city pair;
- (k) displaying the monthly averages for the preceding year for the selected city pair; and
- (l) displaying the annual average for the preceding year for the selected city pair.

20. The method as set forth in claim 18, wherein step (f) comprises

storing a ten lowest ones of the lowest airfares currently available of the current month, thereby allowing the computer system to calculate the monthly averages by averaging the ten lowest airfares for each month.